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1. The following were some of the leading personalities detained during the arrests which took place toward the end of April 1951:

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| a. Gen. Krustevl | : Communist, arrested in his villa at Boyana in the suburbs of Sofia. On the retired list. |
| b. Gen. Boev | : General on the reserve list, arrested in Sofia. |
| c. Col. Chichev | : Ex-Zveno, arrested at Troyan. |
| d. Col. Cholekov | : Ex Zveno, arrested at Samakov. |
| e. Anton Karandzhulov | : Formerly held rank of Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |
| f. Lt. Gen. Krum Lekarski | : Former Assistant Minister of War. |
| g. Atanas Burov | : Former leading Democrat. |
| h. Nikola Kushenov | : Former Democrat Prime Minister. |
| i. Dr. Klein | : Jewish |
| j. Boris Pavlov | : Ex-Minister of Justice, arrested at Botevgrad. |
| k. Svetla Baskelova Vampirski | : Ex-Member of Parliament (Petkov faction), arrested in Sofia. |
| l. Fani Popova Mutafova | : Writer, arrested in Sofia. |
| m. Dimitar Savov | : Ex-Minister. |

2. The arrests at the end of April were not confined to Sofia many of those detained being former leading personalities who had for some time been banished to the provinces. No definite figure for the number of arrests is available.

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for the country as a whole, but the detentions are generally believed to reflect the administration's desire to eliminate all figures around whom dissatisfaction with the regime might crystallize.

1.  Comment: May be identical with General Asen Krestev.

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